

Making Cities Work

# **AZERBAIJAN**

Capital: Baku

(2000) Largest City: Baku 1,948,000

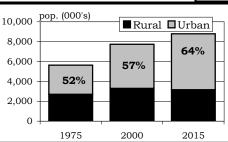
2000 Popu lation 7.7 m illion
10-year Avg. Annual Pop. G row th
GDP (2000) \$23.5 b illion
GDP per capita \$3,039
GDP grow th 11.4%
GNI per capita (2000) \$610
World Bank Classification Low Income
Population Below Poverty Line 3.4 m illion

-0.3%

#### **Urban Profile**

# Urban Population

4,429,000 lived in urban areas in 2000.



Annual Growth
Rates (2000-2015)
Urban 1.6%

Rural

City Sizes # of cities

10 million + 0
5-9.9 m 0
2.5 - 4.9 m 0
.75-2.49 m 1

## Urban Migration Trends

Of the three major causes of growth of the urban population - migration of rural population to towns, natural growth of the urban population and the transformation of large villages into urban settlements - the decisive one in the urbanization process was the migration of the rural population.

# **Urban Poverty**

1,771,600 urban dwellers were below the

poverty line.



POVERTY IN AZERBAIJAN

52% of the country's poor live in urban areas.

### URBAN POVERTY

40% of the urban population is poor.

Income Inequality
(wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%)

Nation \*
Baku ('93) 8.7

# Economy & Employment

(Country)	GDP	Employment
Sector	(1999)	(1990)
Agriculture	22%	31%
Industrial	33%	29%
Services	45%	40%

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Nation (est. 1999) 20.0%

Poor
Non-poor

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment has risen sharply since 1991. The official figures do not show the dimension of the phenomenon - most unemployed especially those in cities do not wish to register as unemployed for a variety of reasons. Evidence also suggests that many laborers turn up for work in industrial plants and factories to receive the meager wages offered.

#### Decentralization

ı	Sample Urban Area:			(UNCHS - HABITAT, 1998)		
	Able to set	*	of local tax levels	Able to choose	*	contractors for projects
	Able to set	*	of user charges	Funds transfer	*	known in advance
	Able to borrow	*	of funds	Central government	*	remove local govt. officials

# Infrastructure

**Basic Services** 

310,030 urban dwellers lack water supply.



18% of people without water supply live in urban areas.

 Population without Water Supply in 2000

 (000's)
 % of rel. pop.

 Urban
 310
 7%

 Rural
 1,388
 42%

 Total
 1,698
 22%

442,900 urban dwellers lack sanitation coverage.



31% of people without sanitation coverage live in urban areas.

#### Pop. without Sanitation Coverage in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	443	10%
Rural	992	30%
Total	1,434	19%

# Health

By 1995, Government expenditures on health declined, in real terms, to only 34 percent of their 1990 level. One effect of the increase in poverty has been the decline in nutritional standards as a result of the reductions in household incomes and expenditures on food. This problem is particularly serious in urban areas; the rural population has been able to meet a substantial part of its food needs.

# Crime

According to the Azerbaijani Ministry of Internal Affairs, the total number of persons who committed crimes in Baku was 5,465 in 1995, 5,447 in 1996, and 5,509 in 1997. Earlier studies prior to 1995 demonstrated a link between unemployment and crime in Baku, as nearly one-third hose charged with committing a crime in Baku were jobless.